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July 31, 2017

Ms. Kim Ramm
President
Odessa Public Development Authority
PO Box 763
207 W. 1st Ave
Odessa, WA 99159

RE: Canola Seed Handling and Biodiesel Production at 206 West Railroad Ave, Odessa, WA

Dear Ms. Ramm:

Ecology noticed the request for proposals to purchase or lease the idle biodiesel facility at 206 West Railroad Ave in Odessa. We are pleased for Odessa to see the activity on this long-idled site.

The enclosed order of rescission notifies you that the air quality approval of canola seed handling and biodiesel production at the West Railroad facility is no longer valid. After 18 months of inactivity, Condition 10.2 of the approval (Order No. 12AQ-E453) provides that it is void. Activities at the site prior to discontinuing were not in compliance with the requirements of the approval order and would have required Ecology enforcement action had they continued.

Former operators of the facility provided no forwarding addresses to Ecology, so this rescission order is provided to the Authority as the property owner and currently responsible official under Ecology air quality regulations.

Resumption of construction or operations at the West Railroad site will first require pre-construction approval from Ecology's Air Quality Program. Processing an application for a biodiesel production facility can be a lengthy process and compliance with the conditions of our approvals has not been easy, particularly for the tenants we've worked with at the West Railroad site.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this information or air quality permitting requirements for these bioenergy projects.

Sincerely,

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